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Applic. No. : 09/838,743 Group No. : 2826  
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For : Vertically Structured Power Semiconductor Component

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

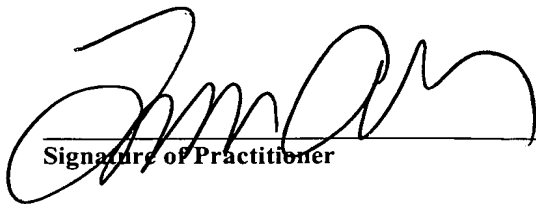
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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

**TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE**

2. This request is being submitted:
- i.  Prior to abandonment of the application
  - ii.  Payment of the issue fee
    - Prior to payment of the issue fee
    - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
  - iii.  Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
    - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
  - iv.  Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
    - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
    - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
    - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

3. a) Previously submitted
- Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on November 25, 2003.  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
  - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
  - Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
- An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
  - Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
  - An amendment
  - New arguments
  - New evidence in support of patentability
  - Other:

**FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))**

4. This application is on behalf of:  
 Large entity \$770.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$770.00

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add.Fee	Or	Rate	Add.Fee
Total	5	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$
Indep.	1	Minus			x\$42=	\$		x\$84=	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+ \$140=	\$		+ \$280=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	

- (c)  No additional fee is required.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension	Large Entity	Small Entity
	two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
		Fee:	\$ 420.00

- An extension for one (1) month has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$110.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 310.00

**TOTAL FEES DUE**

7. The total fees due are:
- |                                     |   |            |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))             | \$770.00   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) | \$310.00   |
|                                     | Total Fees Due                                    | \$1,080.00 |

**PAYMENT OF FEES DUE**

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:
- |                                     |   |            |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Charge Credit Card the sum of<br>(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached) | \$1,080.00 |
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Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

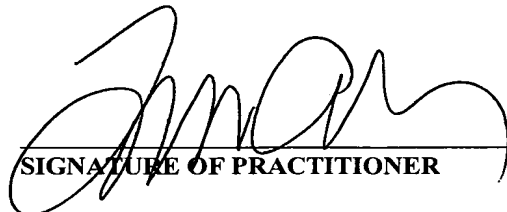
- Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

**INVENTORSHIP**

9. This application as amended names as inventors:
- the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.

**10. Instructions as to Overpayment**

- Credit Deposit Account No. 12-1099.
- Refund



SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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